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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(For Use with Application Data Sheet)

As the below named signatory, I hereby declare that:

I am the legal representatives of Alexander JURMANN (deceased);

My citizenship, residence and mailing address are set forth below next to my name;

This declaration is directed to International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007194, filed July 4, 2003;

On information and belief, I believe that the said Alexander JURMANN (deceased) was/is the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, entitled:

**VACUUM CARBURIZING METHOD AND DEVICE**

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable;

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as my/our attorneys to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true; all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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